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1. Although the school system in Bulgaria has been extended since September 1944, the school standards have dropped considerably. Western literature, Latin, and Greek are no longer taught, and French and German are no longer required. Almost as many hours are devoted to the study of Russian as to Bulgarian, and since 1952, Russian instruction has begun in the first grade of elementary school instead of in the second, as was customary before 1952.

2. There has been no change in teaching psychology and logic because there are no outstanding Soviet works in these fields. The teaching of ethics, however, is now based on a book by a Bulgarian, Angel Bynkov.

3. The joint curriculum of the elementary and secondary schools now extends over ten years. A pupil normally graduates at 16 and can be admitted to a university after passing the necessary examinations. The examinations are not, however, the decisive factor in obtaining admission to a university. The most important factor is the recommendation of the authorities who check the dossiers of the candidate-pupils.

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